Transfer of accounts and deposits of IGNOU

41. SHRi PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the accounts deposits and huge amounts of the Headquarters and regional centres of IGNOU have been transferred from a nationalised bank to a foreign bank;

(b) if so, the policy in this regard; and

(c) the persons responsible for taking such a decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) In view of the above reply, questions do not arise.

Reduction in intake in Technical Institutes

42. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has decided to reduce the sanctioned intake in technical institutes across the country in the month of June 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of technical institutes and the sanctioned intake in each institute during the last five years, State-wise and year-wise and as on date; and

(c) the steps taken for the quality control of the technical institutes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The State-wise details of the seats in technical institutes reduced initially and since restored for the year 2005-06 as given by AICTE are as per Statement-I. The State-wise data pertaining to the number of engineering degree institutes with intake for the years 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 is given in Statement-ll.

(c) Changes have been incorporated in the existing approval process with a view, *inter-alia,* to introduce parameters having bearing on quality of

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